

**ORDER**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

SW 1600.38B

3/24/92

SUBJ: VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) REGULATIONS  
DURING HIJACKING

1. PURPOSE. This order updates a procedure to report violations of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations during instances of forcible seizure of aircraft.
2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to branch level in the regional office and to all field offices and facilities in the Southwest Region.
3. CANCELLATION. Order SW 1600.38A, Violations of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Regulations During Hijacking, dated August 29, 1983, is canceled.
- \* 4. BACKGROUND. The FCC, Complaint and Compliance Branch, Mass Media Bureau, has requested assistance in the investigation of violations of Article 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 concerning rebroadcasts by commercial broadcast stations of communications between air traffic control facilities and an aircraft being hijacked. The practice of rebroadcasting events and vital information during a hijacking must be discouraged. Your cooperation and assistance will help provide evidence for FCC enforcement action.
5. PROCEDURES. Each employee hearing a rebroadcast by commercial broadcast stations of communications between air traffic control facilities and an aircraft being hijacked should:
  - a. Record the broadcast, if possible.
  - b. Note the date, time, and station call sign.
  - c. Report the incident to the nearest Civil Aviation Security Office or to the Regional Operations Center for relay to the FCC. The office receiving the report will ensure the Public Affairs Office, ASW-5, receives a copy of the reported incident.

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